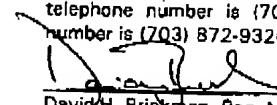


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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on January 23, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract are reflected on page 7 of this paper.

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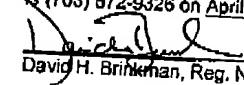
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.
2. Small Entity status is claimed.
- Other than a Small Entity.
3. The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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<u>Extension (months)</u>	<u>Fee for other than small entity</u>	<u>Fee for small entity</u>
one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
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OR

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Respectfully submitted,

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